in several parts of the country including Orissa on account of shortfall in the bulk availability of LPG, industrial relations problem at Haldia Bottling Plant, movement constraints and other operational problems.

(b) Efforts are being made to maximise LPG production in the Refineries and also augment supplies through imports to the extent feasible. The situation is being closely monitored by the Oil Industry with a view to ensuring regular LPG supplies to the consumers.

Quota of LPG Agencies reserved for Freedom Fighters

1954. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quota is reserved for freedom fighters in the allotment of LPG agencies in the country; and

(b) if so, the number of gas agencies owned by freedom fighters or their relatives in Delhi and what is the total number of agencies in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A reservation of 5 per cent exists for Freedom Fighters; this was introduced in 1982;

(b) Out of a total of 181 LPG distributorships in Delhi, 3 distributorships belong to Freedom Fighters. Relatives of Freedom Fighters are not covered under this category.

Training in production centres under DC (SSI) Kerala

1955. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of artisans who have been given advance training in production centres of Kerala under the DC (SSI) Ettamanoor during the last three years; and

(b) whether keeping in view the heavy rush for admission for training in the production centres, Government are taking necessary steps to convert the production centres into production-cum-training centres and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The number of artisans trained by the Directorate of Production Centres, Ettamanur during the last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of artisans trained
1984-85	321
1985-86	319
1986-87	260

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Action against Firms/units running into losses

1956. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of National Small Industries Corporation which is locked up in sick units and is not being recovered, indicating the unit-wise details and the reasons for not recovering the same;

(b) the particulars of officers of the NSIC who helped those defaulting firms in getting financial help from NSIC and what action has been taken against each of them;

(c) whether the NSIC instituted any court cases against some defaulting firms and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what amount has since been received from them and the stage at which the case against each individual firm stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY